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SUBJECT:NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE VISIT TO EGYPT, ISRAEL, AND
JORDAN APRIL-MAY 1976

1. NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE (NWC), IN PLANNING ITS 1976
OVERSEAS FIELD STUDIES, REQUESTS PERMISSION TO VISIT
FOLLOWING COUNTRIES IN MIDDLE EAST AREA DURING PERIOD
APRIL 24 TO MAY 8, 1976:

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ISRAEL.....251400 APR.....291000 APR

JORDAN.....291300 APR.....031000 MAY
EGYPT.....031400 MAY.....080800 MAY

2. PURPOSE OF THE VISITS IS TO COMPLETE STUDY OF KEY ISSUES IN FORMULATION AND CONDUCT OF NATIONAL SECURITY POLICY. GROUPS HAVE IN PAST MET WITH TOP CIVILIAN AND MILITARY LEADERSHIP, US MISSION CHIEFS, AND FREQUENTLY WITH HEAD OF STATE, IN ORDER TO RECEIVE AUTHORITATIVE FIRSTHAND IMPRESSIONS OF THE MAJOR POLITICAL, MILITARY, ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, CULTURAL AND OTHER ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH COUNTRY AND REGION. ALTHOUGH FIELD STUDY CONCEPT THIS YEAR EMPHASIZES A LOWER PROFILE AND MORE INTENSE FOCUS ON PREPARATION OF "ISSUE" PAPERS, NWC HOPES SIMILAR

TOP-LEVEL MEETINGS WILL REMAIN APPROPRIATE AND OF ADVANTAGE TO US MISSIONS IN MANY COUNTRIES.

3. VISITS HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND DEPARTMENT OF STATE. THEATER CLEARANCE HAS BEEN REQUESTED FROM USCINCEUR. VISITS HAVE BEEN COORDINATED WITH INDUSTRIAL COLLEGE OF THE ARMED FORCES, WHICH WILL NOT CONDUCT INDEPENDENT OVERSEAS VISITS THIS YEAR, BUT WILL SEND ONE STUDENT IN COMPANY WITH THIS NWC GROUP TO PURSUE AN INDIVIDUAL RESEARCH PROJECT.

4. NWC GROUP WILL CONSIST OF 24 MEMBERS OF O-4, O-5, O-6, GS-15/16, FSO-2/3 LEVELS. FIELD STUDY DIRECTOR WILL BE MILITARY OFFICER OF GENERAL OR FLAG RANK OR FSO OF EQUIVALENT RANK. NAME WILL BE PROVIDED LATER. FIELD STUDY EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WHO COORDINATES ALL ACTIVITIES, IS LCDR HARLAN ULLMAN, USN, TELEPHONE (202) 693-8403, AUTOVON 223-8403. GROUP INTENDS TO TRAVEL BY COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT, OR MILITARY AIRLIFT WHERE FEASIBLE.

5. EMBASSIES WILL BE REQUESTED TO ASSIST IN THE VISIT AND COORDINATION OF THE PROGRAM, E.G., OFFICIAL VISITS, BRIEFINGS, BILLETING AND SOCIAL ASPECTS, WITH FIELD STUDY EXECUTIVE OFFICER. IT IS NOTED THAT NWC STUDENTS ARE SELECTED ON THE BASIS OF SUPERIOR PAST PERFORMANCE AND OUTSTANDING FUTURE POTENTIAL AT POLICYMAKING LEVEL.
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6. SOME NEARBY POSTS MAY BE ASKED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO HOST EMBASSIES TO PRESENT THEIR VIEWPOINTS. SIMILAR BRIEFINGS IN PAST HAVE BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL. MISSIONS WILL BE INFORMED LATER AS TO THIS POSSIBILITY.

7. EMBASSIES ARE REQUESTED TO PROVIDE THE NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THEIR PROJECT OFFICERS, WITH INFO

COPY TO COMMANDANT, NWC, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. AUTHORIZATION FOR DIRECT CONTACT BETWEEN COUNTRY PROJECT OFFICER AND NWC FIELD STUDY EXECUTIVE OFFICER IS REQUESTED.

8. LETTER TO CHIEF OF MISSION WILL AMPLIFY CHANGES IN FIELD STUDY EMPHASIS AND LETTER FROM NWC EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO PROJECT OFFICER WILL INITIATE DISCUSSION OF PREFERRED SCHEDULE ARRANGEMENTS.

9. GIVEN THE POSSIBLE DIFFICULTIES OF OBTAINING HOTEL RESERVATIONS, EARLIEST BOOKINGS WILL BE MOST APPRECIATED. REQUEST 2 SINGLE ROOMS AND 11 DOUBLE ROOMS. WE ARE AWARE THAT HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS MAY BE DIFFICULT IN SOME PLACES BUT HOPE WE CAN BE ACCOMMODATED DURING THESE DATES.

10. REQUEST EMBASSY CONCURRENCE IN VISIT, OR COMMENTS, AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE. ADD COMMANDANT, NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE, WASHINGTON, D.C. AS INFO ADDRESSEE ON ALL TRAFFIC. FURTHER REQUEST YOU SEEK HOST GOVERNMENT APPROVAL IF VISIT IN YOUR JUDGMENT POSES NO PROBLEM. INGERSOLL

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